

**Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

1. (Currently Amended) A structural element, for arrangement between A-pillars of a motor vehicle, comprising:  
a base body designed as a hollow profile and provided on the inside with a plastic core forming at least one duct,  
wherein the base body is at least partially perforated such that the base body comprises a plurality of holes which are spaced apart from one another, which are arranged in rows and ~~and/or~~ columns, ~~[[and]]~~ which form a pattern, and which permit a medium to enter or exit the duct, and  
wherein the plurality of holes are arranged in an opening region of the base body and, within the opening region, are arranged around at least about half of a circumference of the duct.
2. (Canceled)
3. (Previously Presented) The structural element as claimed in claim 1, wherein the base body is formed from sheet metal, a steel sheet, or a light sheet metal.
4. (Previously Presented) The structural element as claimed in claim 1, wherein the perforation of the base body is formed from at least one of a perforated sheet metal, a wire mesh, or an expanded metal.
5. (Previously Presented) The structural element as claimed in claim 1, wherein the base body is formed from two half bodies or from two half shells.
6. (Previously Presented) The structural element as claimed in claim 1, wherein the base body comprises two half bodies, which are held together via the plastic core.

7. (Previously Presented) The structural element as claimed in claim 5, wherein the two half bodies are connected mechanically.
8. (Previously Presented) The structural element as claimed in claim 5, wherein the base body is perforated in one opening region per half body.
9. (Previously Presented) The structural element as claimed in claim 5, wherein the base body is perforated in an opening region engaging over both half bodies.
10. (Currently Amended) The structural element as claimed in claim 9, wherein the opening region which comprises ~~comprise~~ a perforation engaging over the half bodies, comprises a reinforcing element.
11. (Previously Presented) The structural element as claimed in claim 10, wherein the reinforcing element is arranged parallel to the plane of separation of the half bodies.
12. (Previously Presented) The structural element as claimed in claim 1, wherein the base body comprises a plurality of opening regions which are arranged at a distance from one another, as seen in the longitudinal direction.
13. (Previously Presented) The structural element as claimed in claim 1, wherein the duct comprises multiple chambers.
14. (Currently Amended) The structural element as claimed in claim 1, further comprising securing means, connecting points or housing parts of a heating and/or air-conditioning system which are integrally formed on ~~[[the]] edges, which bear against each other, of the base half bodies or on the base body.~~
15. (Currently Amended) An instrument panel support in a motor vehicle, the instrument panel support comprising:

a base body designed as a hollow profile and provided on the inside with a plastic core forming at least one duct,

wherein the base body is at least partially perforated such that the base body comprises a plurality of holes which are spaced apart from one another, which are arranged in rows and columns, [[and]] which form a pattern, and which permit a medium to enter or exit the duct,

wherein the plurality of holes are arranged in an opening region of the base body and, within the opening region, are arranged around at least about half of a circumference of the duct, and

wherein the duct comprises at least one of an air-conduction duct or a cable duct.

16. (Currently Amended) A cross member, which is arranged below a windshield, in a motor vehicle, the cross member comprising;

a base body designed as a hollow profile and provided on the inside with a plastic core forming at least one duct,

wherein the base body is at least partially perforated such that the base body comprises a plurality of holes which are spaced apart from one another, which are arranged in rows and columns, [[and]] which form a pattern, and which permit a medium to enter or exit the duct, and

wherein the plurality of holes are arranged in an opening region of the base body and, within the opening region, are arranged around at least about half of a circumference of the duct, and[[,]]

wherein, the duct comprises an air-conduction duct for conducting an air flow to be supplied to at least one of a windshield, a side window or an area for heating a wiper blade support.

17. (Currently Amended) A method for producing a structural element which comprises a base body designed as a hollow profile and provided on the inside with a plastic core forming at least one duct, wherein the base body is at least partially perforated such that the base body comprises a plurality of holes which are spaced apart from one another, which are arranged in a rows and columns, [[and]] which form a pattern, and which permit a medium to enter or

exit the duct, and wherein the plurality of holes are arranged in an opening region of the base body and, within the opening region, are arranged around at least about half of a circumference of the duct, the method comprising:

at least partially perforating the base body forming the base body into a basic shape and

placing the base body into a die in which the plastic core is integrally formed on the base body, in a single method step.

18. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 17, wherein the step of integrally forming the plastic core comprises injection molding the plastic core onto the base body.

19 (Previously Presented) The structural element according to claim 1, wherein the holes comprise circular holes.

20 (Previously Presented) The structural element according to claim 1, wherein the holes comprises hexagonally shaped holes.

21. (New) A structural element according to claim 1, wherein the rows and columns are arranged such that at least two adjacent rows are offset relative to one another.

22. (New) A structural element, for arrangement between A-pillars of a motor vehicle, comprising:

a base body designed as a hollow profile and provided on the inside with a plastic core forming at least one duct,

wherein the base body is at least partially perforated such that the base body comprises a plurality of holes which are spaced apart from one another, which are arranged in rows and columns, which form a pattern, and which permit a medium to enter or exit the duct,

wherein the base body is formed from two half bodies or from two half shells,

wherein each half body or half shell comprises edges which bear against each other,

wherein the holes are arranged in an opening region on at least one half body or half shell, and

wherein the opening region is located in a central portion of the duct relative to the edges of the half body or half shell.

23. (New) A structural element according to claim 22, wherein the holes are arranged in an opening region on both half bodies or half shells, wherein the opening region is located in a central portion of the duct, and wherein the central portion is substantially equidistant from the edges of each half body or half shell

24. (New) A structural element according to claim 22, wherein, in the opening region on at least one half body or half shell, the holes are arranged across substantially the entire circumference of the duct.

25. (New) A structural element according to claim 22, wherein the rows and columns are arranged such that at least two adjacent rows are offset relative to one another.

26. (New) A structural element according to claim 22, wherein the holes comprise hexagonal openings.

27. (New) A structural element according to claim 22, wherein the central portion is substantially equidistant from the edges of the half body or half shell.